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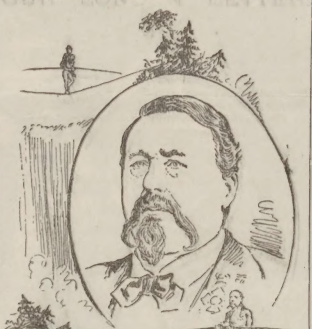
OUR LONDON LETTER.



As it was with a cluster of Blondin Illustrations that this Paper made its début in the year 1861, it was with natural curiosity I dropped into the Westminster Aquarium the other evening to see in what fashion the "Hero of Niagara" performed his astounding high-rope feats after the lapse of over twenty-seven years. M. Blondin, though owning to sixty-five on Tuesday, was bright-eyed and buoyant to a surprising degree—as great a marvel in his way as the "Grand Old Man" himself. In accordance with the present fashion, an interview with M. Blondin was sought by me, and readily procured through his polite agent, Signor Parravicini. In the helmet, tunic, and tights, the veteran King of rope-walkers looked signally hale and hearty. He is never so healthy, said he, as when professionally engaged. Indeed, I gathered from M. Blondin, a cheery native of Calais, that rope-walking at a dizzying height is the best cure for lumbago and rheumatism, failing sight, the gout, and the rest of the ills that flesh is heir to. Leaving high and lofty tumbling, for choice, to this master of the art, I wished M. Blondin and his helpful son good-bye, and descended from his room to the floor of the Aquarium, to watch and admire afresh his famous performances on the high rope near the roof. Blondin's sureness of foot never seems to fail him. To gaze at him marching and then running nimbly across this rope, pole in hand to balance him; to note the skill and ease with which he strides a chair on mid-rope and takes his ease on its topmost rail; finally, to see him carry his son across on his back, and wheel his old Crystal Palace bicycle from end to end, is to acknowledge him sovereign at the game, and award him all the praise due to so brave a public performer. I congratulate Mr. David De Pinna, the zealous manager of the Aquarium, on the entertaining nature of his present programme.

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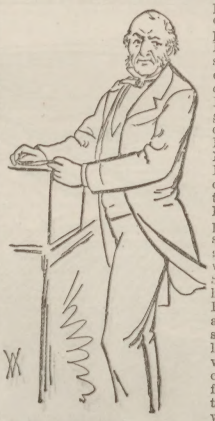
"We're all proud of him!" This old familiar phrase was recalled by the particulars of Mr. Gladstone's steadfast and eloquent vindication of his Irish policy, generous and enlightened, at Birmingham. No fair-minded Englishman could feel anything but legitimate pride in the spectacle of a great and venerable Statesman who has been thrice Prime Minister, and who has spent his whole life in the service of his country, cheerfully forsaking the restful ease which cannot



but be acceptable to a man of seventy-eight winters (seventy-nine on Dec. 29 next!) and earnestly devoting himself with heart and soul to the advocacy of what he sincerely believes, in the best interests of the realm, to be the only real and effective method of uniting Ireland to Great Britain—namely, by granting Irishmen the power of managing Irish affairs by themselves in Ireland—that is to say, by bestowing upon Ireland a thorough system of local self-government. It is Mr. Gladstone's firm and honest contention that this reasonable concession—a right enjoyed by every British Colony and by each State in America—could be granted, not only to the great improvement of the relations between Ireland and England, but also to the solidifying of the integrity of the United Kingdom, and to the strengthening of the power of the Queen as a Constitutional Monarch. There can be no doubt that this week the People have bestowed more attention on the Liberal Parliament Mr. Gladstone has headed at Birmingham than upon the tame reassembling of the Imperial Parliament at Westminster, or even on the Parnell Commission in the Royal Courts of Justice.

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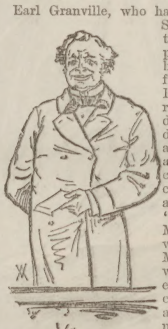
Earl Granville, who has avowed that Earl Spencer converted him to Home Rule as *the* panacea for Ireland, had but a scanty following of Liberal Peers when the Lords reassembled on Tuesday. Lord Granville's duty as Leader of the absent Opposition was, accordingly, soon discharged. He blandly contented himself with an ineffectual attempt "to draw" the Prime Minister on the Sackville incident. The Marquis of Salisbury—whose broad smile on entering testified sufficiently to the generally satisfactory nature of our foreign relations—preferred to



deliver himself on the subject of the Anglo German alliance to effectually suppress the reviving Slave Trade on the East Coast of Africa. Lord Salisbury showed he was as keenly alive as Lord Harrowby and the Bishop of Carlisle to the expediency of not

drawing down upon Englishmen in that quarter of the world the ill-odour the German settlers are alleged to have gained for themselves. But he plainly pointed out that in co-operating with Germany in this anti-slavery crusade, England acting on this occasion purely in a naval capacity, there was no danger of our making ourselves responsible for the offences ashore of any Germans; whilst England would be acting in accordance with her best traditions in dealing this blow for the freedom of the African slave. I only wish Lord Salisbury would pronounce the same views with regard to the white slaves of London and of the sister Isle.

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The popular author of "King Solomon's Mines" and "She" is busily engaged in revising the proofs of his engrossing new romance of "Cleopatra" for the *Illustrated London News*. When he has completed this task, Mr. Haggard leaves England for a holiday in the congenial country of Greece.

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The reading public has increased so enormously of late that I am of opinion there is abundance of room for any newcomer worth welcoming in the journalistic world. The more, the merrier. From Mr. John Corlett's roseate *Sporting Times* office has come a bright little penny weekly, *The Man of the World*, whose novelty is a coloured frontispiece of some celebrity. Mr. William Graham has brought out a new sixpenny weekly of merit, *The Gentleman*, the distinctive feature of which is that the articles are signed by their writers. "Next, please."

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More newspaper enterprise! The 'cute London representative of *The New York Herald*, Mr. Oakey Hall, deserves our thanks for being first in the field with the news that General Harrison had been elected as the new President. Simultaneously with the arrival of the *Herald* cablegrams in London, we hurried to press with our vivid Portraits of General Harrison and President Cleveland, so that every city and hamlet in the Kingdom should by the end of the week be made familiar with their features through the medium of *The Penny Illustrated Paper*. By-the-way, one and all of us cordially thank the bright little *Star* for its acceptable praise of the Parnell Commission drawings executed by our staff of Artists.

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The incoming Lord Mayor of London is in every respect worthy the heartiest welcome of the populace as he drives through the City on Friday. Lord Mayor Whitehead, in addition to his benefactions to the poor of Appleby and the inmates of the City of London Union, joins hands with Sheriff Newton to give 2000 destitute persons a substantial feast at Mr. F. N. Charrington's Tower Hamlets Mission Hall. In all, 10,000 poor and needy are to be entertained on the Ninth by the new Lord Mayor. London should be proud of him!

[*Town Edition.*] PHILIP.

GALLANT CAPTURE OF A SLAVER.

LIEUTENANT FITZHERBERT,

of the Algerine, has made a gallant capture of a large slave dhow which had carried 200 slaves, off the north coast of Madagascar. Both his boats were capsized, but he righted them, and continued the chase with one rifle and four revolvers. The Arabs maintained a heavy fire till all the boats had grounded on the surf. The Sakalavas then carried off all the slaves save twenty-seven, who were rescued by Mr. FitzHerbert.

LORD ROTHSCHILD'S hounds commenced their season in the hill country on Nov. 1.

SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN received a few days ago a letter from the Duke of Edinburgh, who had, by request of the Sultan, sent several selections of Sir Arthur's operas for the Sultan's band. It appears that the Sultan was so pleased with the music that he asked the Duke of Edinburgh to acquaint Sir Arthur with the fact that he has been decorated with the Order of the Medjidieh.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S stud of hunters, which has been kept at the spacious stables belonging to Great Cumberland Lodge, in Windsor Park, during the summer months, was sent down by special train to Wolverton last Thursday, under the direction of Lord Arthur Somerset, who generally discharges the duties of the ancient but obsolete office of Master of the Horse to the Heir-Apparent.

TO STUDENTS.—To all those who burn the "Midnight Oil," engaged in mental labour, we would recommend CADBURY'S COCOA; its comforting, exhilarating, and sustaining powers are extraordinary. Beware of imitations.—[ADVT.]

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The Playgoer.

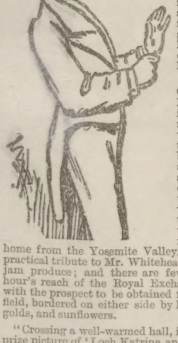
Prime favourite at Drury-Lane Theatre, Mr. Harry Nicholls should be just now more popular than ever as the comic London 'prentice in the wonderful drama of "The Armada," seeing that this is the week devoted by custom to fun and frolic by London 'prentices of modern times. Legislators brought to town by Parliament, and visitors from the country will find ample amends for the absence of pageantry in the City streets on Lord Mayor's Day in the regal fêtes which embellish "The Armada." What else is best to see? In the melodramatic way, there is nothing more stirring than the fine rousing Adelphi play of "The Union Jack," by Mr. Henry Pettitt and Mr. Sydney Grundy, and with Mr. W. Terriss and Miss Millward as hero and heroine. One of the most talented of Mr. Irving's followers, Mr. Richard Mansfield is an artist to the tips of his fingers and the points of his eyelashes, and should be seen at the Lyceum in the diverting piece of "Prince Karl," by Mr. A. C. Gunter. Don't omit to see "Captain Swift," "Mamma," and "Sweet Lavender," "Faust up to Date," "Pepita," "Carina," and the new classic divertissement of "Diana" at the Empire, one of the most softly beautiful ballets of modern times, and a triumph alike for Katti Lanner, Mdlles. Palladino and De Sortis, M. Hervé, M. Albertieri, and Mr. Augustus Harris.

Miss Grace Hawthorne, the fair and clever directress of the Princess's, has transferred to London the new drama of "Hands Across the Sea," by Mr. Henry Pettitt. The play is remarkably well cast, Miss Mary Rorke and Mr. Henry Neville taking the chief parts; and I hope to be able to record a genuine success next week.

Imitation is the sincerest flattery. I learn the steadfast "first-nighters" of the Playgoers' Club are to start a penny monthly paper of their own, called *The Playgoer*. It may be as well to state that I have no connection whatever with it. As it promises independent criticism, it has my best wishes for its success. *The Playgoer* is to be published on Nov. 10, at 183, Fleet-street.

Chat of the London Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]



With the true instinct of a smart journalist "Up to Date," Mr. Edmund Yates this week gives the place of honour as "Celebrity at Home" to the new Lord Mayor, Alderman James Whitehead, at Highfield House, Catford-bridge; and very genially and vividly does his clever Interviewer hit off Lord Mayor Whitehead's characteristics:—

"The Alderman of Cheap Ward is never happier than when showing a friend the finest rhododendron bed in the whole county, the hawthorn walk where the blackbirds and thrushes sing in early spring, the avenues of sturdy young elms and planes, the unique collection of variegated ivies, or the thriving Wellingtonias which have sprung up from the seed he brought home from the Yosemite Valley. A model orchard is a practical tribute to Mr. Whitehead's belief in the future of jam produce; and there are few views within half-an-hour's reach of the Royal Exchange which can compare with the prospect to be obtained from a path above Highfield, bordered on either side by hollyhocks, African marigolds, and sunflowers.

"Crossing a well-warmed hall, in which hangs Breanski's prize picture of 'Loch Katrine and the Trossachs,' you are promptly ushered into a pleasant room overlooking the garden, which bears unmistakable signs of being the workshop of an organiser. A broad window occupies the entire end of a deep recess, lined on either side with square lockers of polished mahogany. . . . Leaning against the high writing-desk in the centre of these labelled lockers you see a man of slight but athletic build, with a broad forehead and an expressive oval face savouring rather of Italy than of England, busily engaged in dictating answers to a pile of letters almost formidable enough to cover the small table at which his second son (who took a first class at Oxford, and won one of the Inns of Court Equity prizes before he was called to the Bar) is giving ample proof of his skill as a stenographer.

"It will be a surprise to many of the citizens of London to know that the man who will occupy the civic throne during the seven hundredth anniversary of the Mayoralty was champion high jumper of England at nineteen, and that the merits of his 'hipe' won the applause of the wrestlers of Appleby, Keswick, and Warcop in the early days of the 'fifties.'

"The Lord Mayor-Elect, as he paces up and down the broad gravel walk, almost on a level with the tree-crowned summit of Shooter's Hill, congratulates himself in having found a heaven-born 'head-gardener' in his wife, to whom he gives all the credit of having turned the wilderness of Pampas House into what you now see it. . . . Twenty years' unceasing diligence enabled him to realise a large fortune, and he was only just forty-six when he decided to retire, and make a journey round the world before settling down to a country life at Highfield. Accompanied by his eldest son (who, like his brother, has taken honours at Oxford), he visited the famous Terraces of New Zealand, fathomed the mysteries of pig-killing in Chicago, collected botanical specimens in the Yosemite Valley, surveyed the giant trees of San Francisco, studied Colonial policy in Australia, and narrowly escaped shipwreck in the Pacific."

The Royal yacht Victoria and Albert is to leave Portsmouth next Wednesday (the 14th) for Flushing, where she will embark the Empress Frederick and Princesses Victoria, Sophia, and Margaret of Prussia, who are to travel from Berlin on Friday week by the day mail train.

They will sleep on board the yacht, which will leave early on Saturday morning (the 17th) for either Queenborough or Port Victoria, where the Empress is to be met by the Prince of Wales, Prince Christian, and other members of the Royal family, and she will then travel direct to Windsor Castle, where a large suite of apartments, adjoining those of the Queen, are being prepared for her.

The Prince of Wales and a party of six guns had a day's shooting at Ken Hill on Monday with Sir Edward Green, M.P., whose estate is in the near neighbourhood of Sandringham.

There is to be a special meet of the West Norfolk Hounds at Hillingdon Hall, Sir William Ffoulkes's seat, near King's Lynn, on Saturday, at noon, which will be attended by their Royal Highnesses and most of their guests.

The Prince leaves Sandringham next Monday for Derby, where he will arrive in time for the races, and is to be the guest till Wednesday of Lord and Lady Hindlip at Doveridge Hall, Lord Waterpark's place near Uttoxeter, of which they are the tenants.

Lord Salisbury has accepted the post of Lord High Steward of Great Yarmouth, in the place of the late Sir Edward Lacon. Lord Salisbury is connected with the borough through his father-in-law, Baron Alderson.

["*Truth* TO TELL."]

Her Majesty will arrive at Windsor Castle on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 17.

The Prince is to be the guest of Lord and Lady Zetland at Aske Hall, Yorkshire, about the middle of January, for a few days, and he will open the new Townhall and Municipal Buildings at Middlesbrough (which have cost £100,000) during his visit.

It is probable that Prince Albert Victor will proceed to Copenhagen next week, to represent the Royal family of England at the fêtes which are to take place in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the King of Denmark's accession to the throne.

Mr. W. H. Smith has made an excellent appointment to the great vicarage of Halifax. Canon Brooke, who is to succeed the Dean of Chichester, is one of the best-known clergymen in Yorkshire, and he is very popular.

The beautiful and costly Russian pavilion in the Copenhagen Exhibition has been presented by the Czar to the King of Denmark, and it is to be erected in the park at Fredensborg, on the bank of the Esrom Sö.

The desirable post of housekeeper at Windsor Castle, which recently became vacant by the death of Mrs. Henderson, has been already filled up by the Queen, who has appointed Miss Henderson, the niece of the late housekeeper, who had sometimes acted for her.

Miss Henderson has been for some years housekeeper at Knowsley, Lord Derby's place in Lancashire. The salary is £120 a year, with "all found," and excellent apartments in the castle, and numerous perquisites.

Lord Hartington will shortly entertain a large shooting-party at Hardwicke Hall, Derbyshire.

Westland Marston's account of "Our Recent Actors," ranging from Macready to Mr. Chippendale, is one of the best theatrical books of the season.

Among charitable undertakings on a quasi-commercial basis, I know of few more deserving of commendation than the Ladies' Dwellings Company. The object of this Company is to provide comfortable lodgings for gentlewomen in reduced circumstances, and thus save this large class from the misery of life in the more squalid type of lodging-houses.

In the dwellings to be erected every inmate will have one apartment to herself, while common rooms will be provided for dining, music, reading, writing, &c. The idea was started by Lady Mary Feilding and Miss Louisa Hubbard, and the first block of buildings is now being erected in Lower Sloane-street.

The announcement in one of the service papers that Sir Evelyn Wood is to succeed Sir Archibald Alison in the command at Aldershott is incorrect, for I have the best reasons for anticipating that this desirable berth will be given to the Duke of Connaught, who is expected to return from India with the Duchess, to Bagshot Park about the middle of May.

The now very universal custom of dining at a restaurant (writes "Madge") is likely to be responsible for yet another variety of dress, since something quite special is wanted in which you may attend an at-home, dine with a party somewhere in town, and finish up with a play. So, in the near future, we shall have the restaurant dinner dress given a prominent place in our wardrobes.

1. Mr. H. Matthews (Home Secretary). 2. Mr. A. Balfour (Irish Secretary). 3. Mr. W. H. Smith (Leader of the House). 4. Mr. Goschen (Chancellor of the Exchequer). 5. Lord John Manners (before his elevation to the Lords). 6. Mr. E. Stanhope (War Minister). 7. Lord G. Hamilton (First Lord of the Admiralty).

SEVEN MERRY MINISTERS ALL OF A ROW.

PARLIAMENT REOPENED.

It is when Parliament is sitting at Westminster that London is at its liveliest—no matter whether it be in Spring or Summer, Autumn or Winter. How our refreshed legislators looked on Tuesday within the walls of St. Stephen's—the Lords and Commons engaged in "starring" at Birmingham, of course, excepted—will be found faithfully noted by "Philip" in his London Letter. Here attention may be called to the revived liveliness of Regent-street, Piccadilly, Bond-street, and of those favourite emporiums of Fashion, of which that popular journal of the fair sex, the *Lady's Pictorial*, is the oracle. Gloomy as the prevailing hue of November is, there are yet some dry mornings occasionally, when the Sun peeps out, and it is healthy and enjoyable to take a brisk and observant walk through the principal West-End thoroughfares. Then it is that the better halves of Lords and Commons, and their peachy-cheeked daughters brighten our streets as they flash past in barouche or Victoria, or sweep proudly into Jay's or Liberty's, Peter Robinson's or the Grosvenor and the Piccadilly Institute of Painters in Oil. We warmly welcome their return to town, and are grateful to them for bringing some of the Country's Sunshine with them to London.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND AND GENERAL HARRISON.

We last week gave in *The Penny Illustrated Paper* a Portrait of Lord Sackville, the British Minister to the United States, and expressed the hope that the ebullition of feeling occasioned by his indiscreet letter would soon subside. Placing implicit confidence in the calm good sense and reasonableness of the great majority of our American brethren, we have no doubt the little unpleasantness caused by Lord Sackville's slip soon will be removed, now the exciting Presidential Election is at length over.

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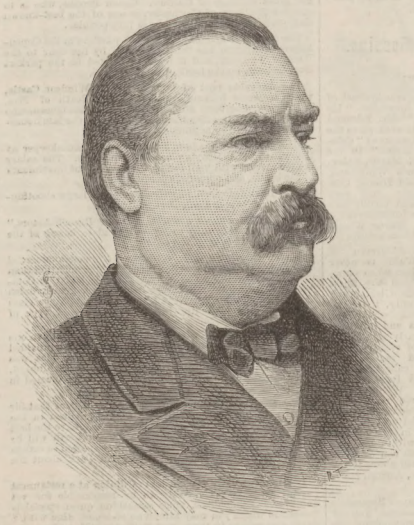
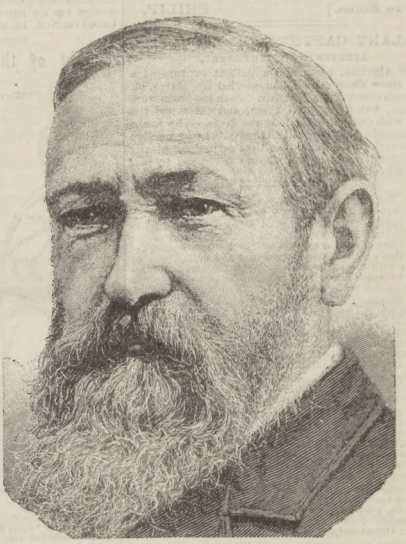
We now have the pleasure to print likenesses of President Grover Cleveland and of General Harrison, whose names are familiar in every American's mouth, and should, therefore, be well known in the Motherland, which is bound fast by affectionate and close-knit ties to the United States, whatever hasty words to the contrary may have been said by newspaper writers in ill-temper on both sides the Atlantic.

President Cleveland has a good record—and a good wife, whom he had the felicity to marry during his term of Presidency. Born in 1837, the year our gracious Queen ascended the throne, Mr. Grover Cleveland is a native of New Jersey, the son of a Congregational pastor in a rural village. He was educated in the common school at Clinton, New York; and was engaged as assistant-teacher in the beneficent Asylum for the Blind there after he had had a turn at a grocery store. Like Charles Dickens, he also had an early spell at the law, becoming clerk to a firm of lawyers, Rogers and Bowen, in Cleveland, Ohio. He was Assistant District Attorney for Erie County three years; Sheriff of Erie County in '70; and Mayor of Buffalo in 1881. He was chosen Governor of the State of New York by a majority of nearly 200,000; and, albeit he ranked as a Democrat, Mr. Cleveland endeavoured so strenuously and well to purify the administration of New York that several New York Republicans of influence backed him against Mr. Blaine for the Presidency in 1884. Mr. Cleveland had the high honour to be elected President of the United States, and to be "run" for a second time as candidate for the Presidency. To give a notion



PRESIDENT CLEVELAND,
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENCY.



GENERAL HARRISON,
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES AT SANDRINGHAM: AFTERNOON TEA.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES'S BOUDOIR AT SANDRINGHAM.

of the deep interest naturally taken in the election, we may mention that the greater portion of Saturday last was occupied by the New York Democrats and Republicans in their rival processions; the Democrats claiming 75,000 men in their line of march, and the Republicans 40,000.

GENERAL BENJAMIN HARRISON,

the Republican candidate, is a soldierly-looking man below the middle height, of easy dignity of manner. He is a descendant of the Major-General Harrison who served with Oliver Cromwell, and who signed the death-warrant of that senselessly obstinate and perverse monarch, Charles I. General Harrison traces his descent from this Cromwellian celebrity to the manful Benjamin Harrison who signed the American Declaration of Independence with General Washington, and whose son, General William Henry Harrison, was elected President of the United States in 1840.

Born on Aug. 20, 1833, in his grandfather's house at North Bend, Ohio, Benjamin Harrison was a strong lad, mentally and physically. He graduated at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Fair-haired and square-shouldered, he began the battle of life at twenty-one in a lawyer's office, with a wife to provide for. In America young men of natural ability quickly rise. He quickly became known as an able Republican speaker. In the Civil War he received the first commission for the Seventieth Regiment. He proved himself a brave and skilful soldier. He gallantly led the assault at Resaca, May 15, 1864, and captured both lines and guns. General "Jo" Hooker bestowed upon him enthusiastic praise for his valour at Peach-tree Creek, and declared on the battle-field he would make Colonel Harrison Brigadier-General for his part in the fight. General Harrison took part in the Battle of Nashville, was at the surrender of Johnston, and with his command participated in the final review of the Union Forces with the late General Grant and General Phil Sheridan at Washington. General Harrison took his seat in the Senate on the day General Garfield was inaugurated, and proved himself a rare but effective orator. He was in the practice of his profession at Indianapolis when called upon to fight for the Presidency as the Republican Candidate. He wears a blonde beard; and is as approachable as a public man ought to be.

We are indebted to that admirable New York illustrated paper, *Harper's Weekly*, for our Portrait of General Harrison.

GENERAL HARRISON ELECTED.

We learnt on Wednesday from the special London edition of *The New York Herald* that General Harrison was chosen President in succession to Mr. Cleveland. Congratulations to the gallant General! Our spirited New York contemporary said:—

> General Harrison walked to the poll in Indianapolis early, accompanied by his wife. He wore the traditional broad-brimmed hat and an air of well-assumed serenity.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS AT HOME.

A CHARACTERISTIC ubiquity little short of marvellous has been displayed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales since his return to England. Barely had the Prince arrived at Newmarket for the last merry meeting of the year at the Turf headquarters than H.R.H. railed it from one end of the Kingdom to another, in order to exchange confidences with her Majesty the Queen at Balmoral. In lieu of spending a deerstalking holiday in Scotland, the Prince hurried south, and encouraged by his bright and genial presence various of our London institutions; first meeting the Princess at Muswell Hill to see Baldwin's last ascent and descent; now dropping into the Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, to inspect the brilliant exhibition of the skilled painters in oils of the Institute; and then driving over the water to Kennington Oval to see the Canadian Football team beat the Swifts, and to graciously greet the members of the Canadian team.

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The guest who is fortunate enough to be among the invited to Sandringham House ever speaks with admiration of the unaffected affability of the Prince and Princess of Wales as host and hostess. Of the simple naturalness and winsome girlishness of Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud of Wales, all who have seen them in public can bear witness to. Indeed, Prince Albert Victor and all the children of the Prince and Princess of Wales have, happily, inherited those winning graces which have made their good-natured parents the most popular Prince and Princess in Christendom. We have, early in the year, apropos of the Royal Silver Wedding, presented pictures of Home life at Sandringham; and we are sure the Drawings we now print will be regarded with great interest, faithfully representing their Royal Highnesses, as they do, in the homely seclusion of their Norfolk seat, endeared to them by many family ties. We heartily join in the national greeting to the Prince of Wales on the Ninth of November, and sincerely wish his Royal Highness, "Many Happy Returns of the Day!"

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES." People troubled with a "hacking cough," a "slight cold," or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious pulmonary and asthmatic affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government stamp around each box.—Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d. per Box.—[ADVT.]

THE CZAR'S ACCIDENT.

WE unfeignedly congratulate the Emperor and Empress of Russia upon their lucky escape from the terrible disaster that befell their train on Oct. 29. The following is the official account of the accident to the Russian Imperial train, furnished by the Minister of the Imperial household:—

The Imperial train, which left Taranvoka at noon on the 29th, ran off the rails between that place and Borki, at a point where the line passed through a very deep gorge. At the time of the accident, the Emperor and Empress, with all the members of the Imperial family and suite, were at breakfast in the dining-saloon. When the first carriage left the metals, the train oscillated violently, and the succeeding carriages heeled over. The dining-saloon, although remaining on the track, was disfigured past recognition, the spring work, with the wheels, being completely knocked out, and the sides of the carriage crushed. The roof was turned on one side, and thus served as a sort of shield to the occupants of the saloon.

It seems incredible that with such havoc as was wrought any of the passengers in the train should have escaped unhurt. But God protected the Czar and his family, and they left the débris of the saloon without injury. All its other occupants were also saved, having only received some slight contusions, with the exception of Aide-de-Camp General Scheremeteff, who suffered more than the others, but was not seriously injured.

It is to be regretted, however, that the wrecking of the other portions of the train was accompanied by loss of life. The killed included Captain Bresdh, Staff Captain in the Courier Service, a physician, a secretary, and another official, two couriers, a chamber Cossack, a Chasseur, five railway servants, and six soldiers of the railway battalion. Eighteen other persons were injured.

Baron St. Jernval, Chief Inspector of Railways, received a severe shock. The Czarina herself superintended the arrangements for rendering help to the injured, notwithstanding the extremely bad weather, rain falling continuously, and the ground being in a slippery condition. The Czar several times descended the incline to look after the dead and injured, and only entered the reserve train which was held in readiness when the last of the injured had been placed in the ambulance train.

The well-informed *Grashdanin* says:—

The Emperor was just about to take coffee, which was being handed to him by a footman. The latter was killed, as was likewise the dog, which was lying at his Majesty's feet. The flooring of the carriage collapsed, and all the occupants were precipitated on to the ground.

A CHANNEL COLLISION.

LAST Sunday afternoon news came to hand, at Weymouth, of a serious collision in mid-Channel; and shortly afterwards the crew of the Norwegian barque Nor (Captain Bjonness), consisting of fourteen men, arrived there, having been landed an hour previously at Portland by the steamer Shagbrook, of London. Meantime, the steamer Waterbird, of Liverpool, came into Weymouth Harbour, with eight men who had been picked up in a boat in mid-Channel on Sunday morning. They are supposed to be the only survivors of a crew numbering thirty men, belonging to the steamer Saxmundham (Captain Milne), which was run into by the Norwegian barque Nor, shortly after two o'clock in the morning, about thirty miles off St. Catherine's Point. The Saxmundham, 1632 tons register, was bound from the Tyne to Ancona with a cargo of coal and coke. On arriving in Weymouth, the men were taken to the Sailors' Home, where every attention was paid to their wants. Those on board the Saxmundham went down with her.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS!—"A new invention is brought before the public, and commands success. A score of abominable imitations are immediately introduced by the unscrupulous, who, in copying the original closely enough to deceive the public, and yet not so exactly as to infringe upon legal rights, exercise an ingenuity that, employed in an original channel, could not fail to secure reputation and profit."—Adams. Caution.—Examine each Bottle, and see that the Capsule is marked ENO'S "FRUIT SALT." Without it you have been imposed on by worthless imitations. Sold by all Chemists. Prepared only at ENO'S "Fruit Salt" Works, London, S.E., by J. C. ENO'S patent.—[ADVT.]

MR. GLADSTONE'S GREAT WELCOME TO BIRMINGHAM.

MR. GLADSTONE, who was accompanied by Mrs. Gladstone and the Rev. Harry and Mrs. Drew, drove from Hawarden last Monday morning to Saltney Station. On both platforms within some fifty or sixty more fortunate of the spectators were assembled. The first to arrive from Hawarden was the ever-faithful

"LADY MARGARET,"

the Hawarden carrier to Chester, who never permits Mr. Gladstone to depart on such occasions without her special presence. The old lady, a handsome old dame, is proud of being able to boast that she is the same age as the right hon. gentleman. Mr. Gladstone was accompanied by Mrs. Gladstone, the Rev. Harry and Mrs. Drew, and Mr. Edward Hall, of Barnsbury, London, Radical box-office keeper of Covent-Garden Theatre, who had arrived at the castle the previous day. A loud cheer was raised, mingled with cries of "God bless you!" and the train steamed out punctually at the time arranged. At most of the intermediate stations and at the various factories a long line of work-people and others assembled to give a greeting to the great Statesman. At Rhyddon the spectators contented themselves with raising their hats and waving pocket-handkerchiefs, but

AT SHREWSBURY,

where the train slackened speed to five miles an hour, there was considerable cheering, large crowds having assembled. A large crowd assembled

AT WELLINGTON,

where a table furnished with luncheon had been laid out in the six-foot way. There was great cheering as the train drew up at the platform. Captain Patchett and Mr. Moore presented an address on behalf of the Wellington and Shrewsbury Liberals respectively, and there were loud cries for a speech; but Mr. Gladstone contented himself with replying in a conversational tone. He said he received the addresses with great pleasure, and he was delighted to observe on perusing them that they fully recognised that the Irish Question was really the English, Scotch, and Welsh question, and that without a settlement of it there could be neither solid peace nor effectual progress in this country.

AT BIRMINGHAM RAILWAY STATION

a large crowd of spectators had gathered, and as the train steamed into Snow-hill Station there was great cheering. Amongst those who met Mr. Gladstone were Mr. Childers, M.P., Sir Walter Foster, M.P., and Lady Foster, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Reid, Sir James Kitson, Mr. Schnadhorst, Mr. Hudson, Mr. R. Tangye, Alderman Cook, Dr. Crossley, Councillor Osler, and other prominent Liberals. Miss Gladstone was also on the platform. On alighting, Mr. Gladstone was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Lady Foster.

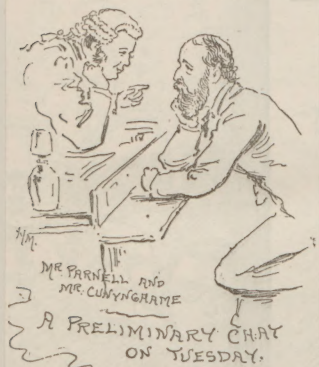
From Snow-hill Station, Birmingham, the right hon. gentleman was driven by his host, Sir W. Foster, through the principal streets to the Town-hall; and was continuously cheered by the crowds who had gathered to welcome his arrival. Mr. Osler, chairman of the Birmingham Liberal Association, presented him with an elaborately illuminated address. In welcoming him it spoke of him as the greatest living exponent of Liberal policy, based on high culture and broad sympathies, and fitted to elevate the character, incite the aspirations, and satisfy the intelligence of the nation.

In replying to the address, Mr. Gladstone expressed his regret that Birmingham was not now politically as it was on his last visit, eleven years ago. After reference to the Irish political prisoners, who, he said, were much less harshly treated by the Liberal Administration than by the present Ministry, he turned to Foreign Affairs. Ministers had made an agreement with the Powers about the Suez Canal, and with Russia about the Afghan frontier; with regard to those matters the Opposition saw nothing to complain of. But he regretted that, with respect to the Balkan Peninsula, he saw no modification of the danger to European peace; and the Sackville incident ought to teach the Conservatives to moderate their braggadocio in respect to Foreign Affairs. Among the remaining topics of a long speech were the waste of the time of Parliament by the Government, and the defects of the Local Government Bill. He reiterated the points which last year he had insisted on at Nottingham—viz., the necessity for carrying out the principle of one man one vote, the reform of the land laws, and the right of the people of Scotland and England to raise the question of Church Disestablishment. They were now engaged in fighting the battle under circumstances of great difficulty. They had lost many influential men, and the Septennial Act was against them, but, on the other hand, their strongest point was that they had a good cause, and a winning cause. He quoted a great number of statistics, and prophesied the coming doom of the Dissentient Liberals at the next election, and resumed his seat after speaking an hour and forty-five minutes.

Mr. Gladstone on Tuesday met a number of prominent Liberals at breakfast at Sir H. Foster's, and afterwards received a deputation from Walsall; Tuesday evening was reserved for the Town-hall reception, and Wednesday for the Bingley Hall demonstration, and the stirring appeal for justice to Ireland and confusion to the Government and their Liberal Unionist supporters.

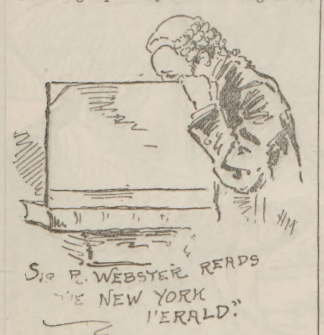
THE PARNELL COMMISSION.

On Tuesday, Sir James Hannen, Mr. Justice A. L. Smith, and Mr. Justice Day resumed the sitting of the Royal Commission of inquiry into the charges of treason and complicity with criminals brought by the *Times* newspaper in the



"Parnellism and Crime" articles: and the Court of Probate in the Royal Courts of Justice was again well attended by Sir R. Webster and Sir H. James as leading Counsel for Mr. John Walter, and Sir Charles Russell and Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Reid as foremost Counsel for Mr. Parnell and his Parliamentary colleagues. Our

Artist's Sketches hit off the most characteristic points of the sitting, which opened with a genial chat between Mr. Parnell and Mr. Henry Cunynghame, the favourite Clerk of the Commission, as delineated. Passing over the lecture to the *Pall Mall Gazette* on the necessity of observing impartiality in commenting on the



proceedings—a lecture elicited from studiously impartial Sir James Hannen by that pale personification of injured innocence, Sir R. Webster—we note the appearance in the witness-box of a Correspondent of the very enterprising paper of Mr. James Gordon Bennett, the *New York Herald*. We see Mr. Albert Chester Ives as he

was examined by the Attorney-General; and we also see pallid Sir Richard Webster reading passages from a Museum file volume of the *New York Herald* reporting conversations Mr. Ives had with Mr. Parnell and Mr. Dillon in 1879, on board the steamer Cynthia, as regards the need of collecting funds for Irish agitation in America. Quitting the Cynthia of the moment, we come across another witness for the *Times*, Mr. George Rafferty, boycotted farmer, whose evidence gave rise to a

long legal controversy; the Chief Commissioner ultimately deciding that the testimony was admissable. Rafferty spoke of the illtreatment he received in 1880 at the hands of men, who pulled him out of bed, and "carded" his back for taking some land in Cloomoylan. Thus passed the days away in what is destined to be a tiresomely long inquiry, unless the Commissioners cut short the evidence. Meantime, there appear to be so many bellicose Irish witnesses in the vicinity that passers-by will have to look out for revolvers.

MR. PARNELL'S SCOTCH ACTION.

In the Court of Session, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, Lord Kinnear allowed a proof as to whether arrestments had been made. He found jurisdiction in the case "Parnell v. *Times*."

PLUCKY MILITARY FEAT.

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A TELEGRAM from Kazooba camp states that on Friday a detachment under General Channer carried the Gorapher peak of the Chaila Mountain at a height of 9500 ft.—a position never before successfully assaulted by a hostile force. The ascent was from knoll to knoll, which, to our surprise, were undefended; then through a thick forest; and finally up steep, stony crags, which ran out like a buttress from the precipice in the forest where the enemy's skirmishers waited concealed. Our leading troops advanced within forty yards before firing was opened. Our casualties were only one man killed and one wounded, both privates in the Northumberland Fusiliers. On emerging from the forest the summit, whereon the mountaineers were seen in greater force, was rushed by the first companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers and the Rhyberees, racing up neck and neck. There were no further casualties. The position was an exceedingly strong one, and if the enemy had defended it with courage they must have caused us heavy loss.

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"I am, dear Sir, yours truly, E. H. CHERRY."

"4, Bank-terrace, Hornsea, Yorks, Sept. 22, 1888."
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"I remain yours truly, H. POWERS (Rev.),
Late Wesleyan Missionary."

"R. I. Constabulary, Templehouse, Co. Sligo, Ireland,
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"Gentlemen,—Melodeon safely to hand this morning, with thanks. I candidly give my opinion of it: that, in neatness, cheapness, &c., it cannot be surpassed. I can couple my own opinion with that of my comrades, who say that it is nothing short of being a paragon of perfection, all of whom are in a position to judge of such as a musical instrument. I shall spare no trouble in making known to my comrades and others the utility of your melodeon as a long winter night's companion.
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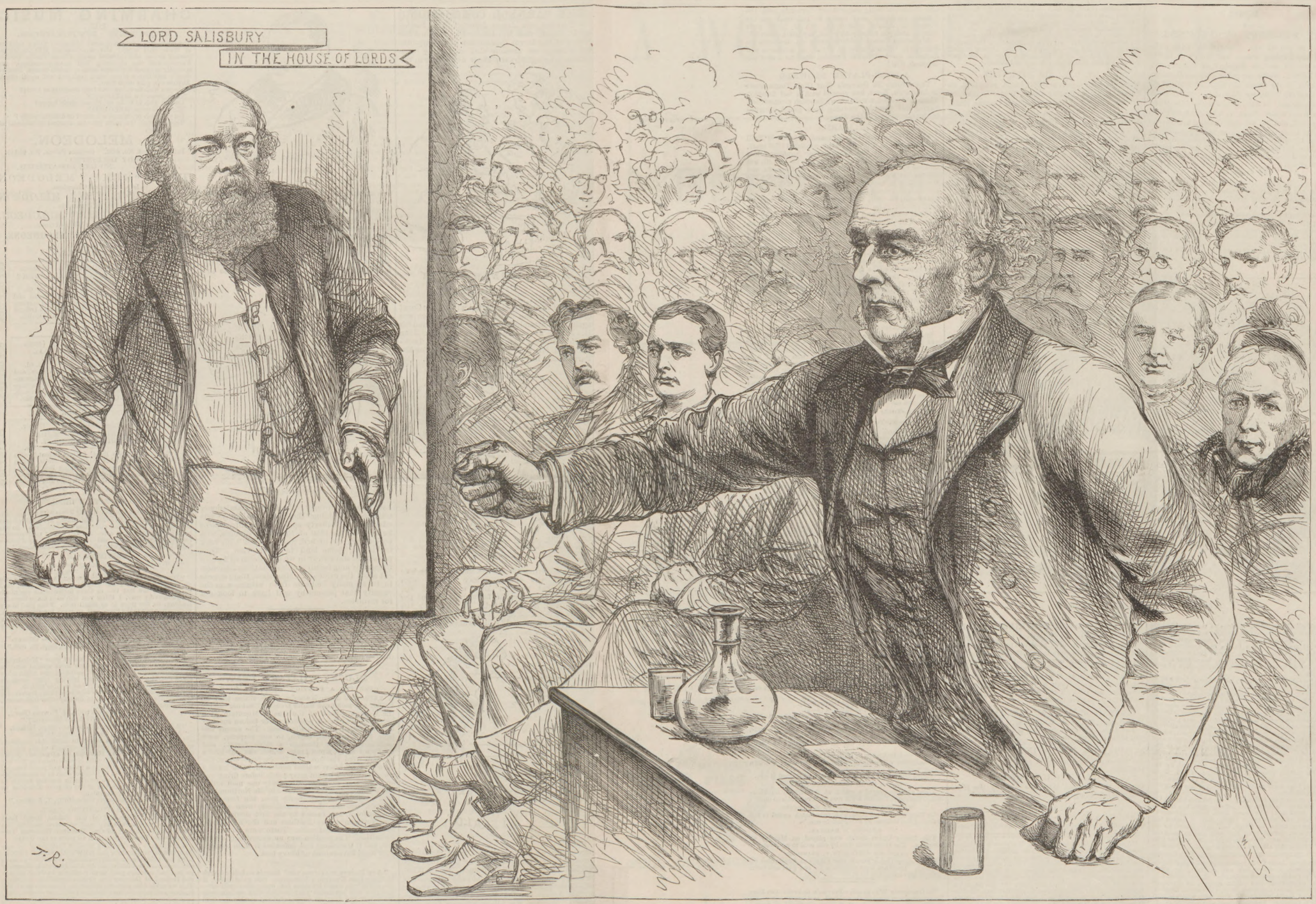
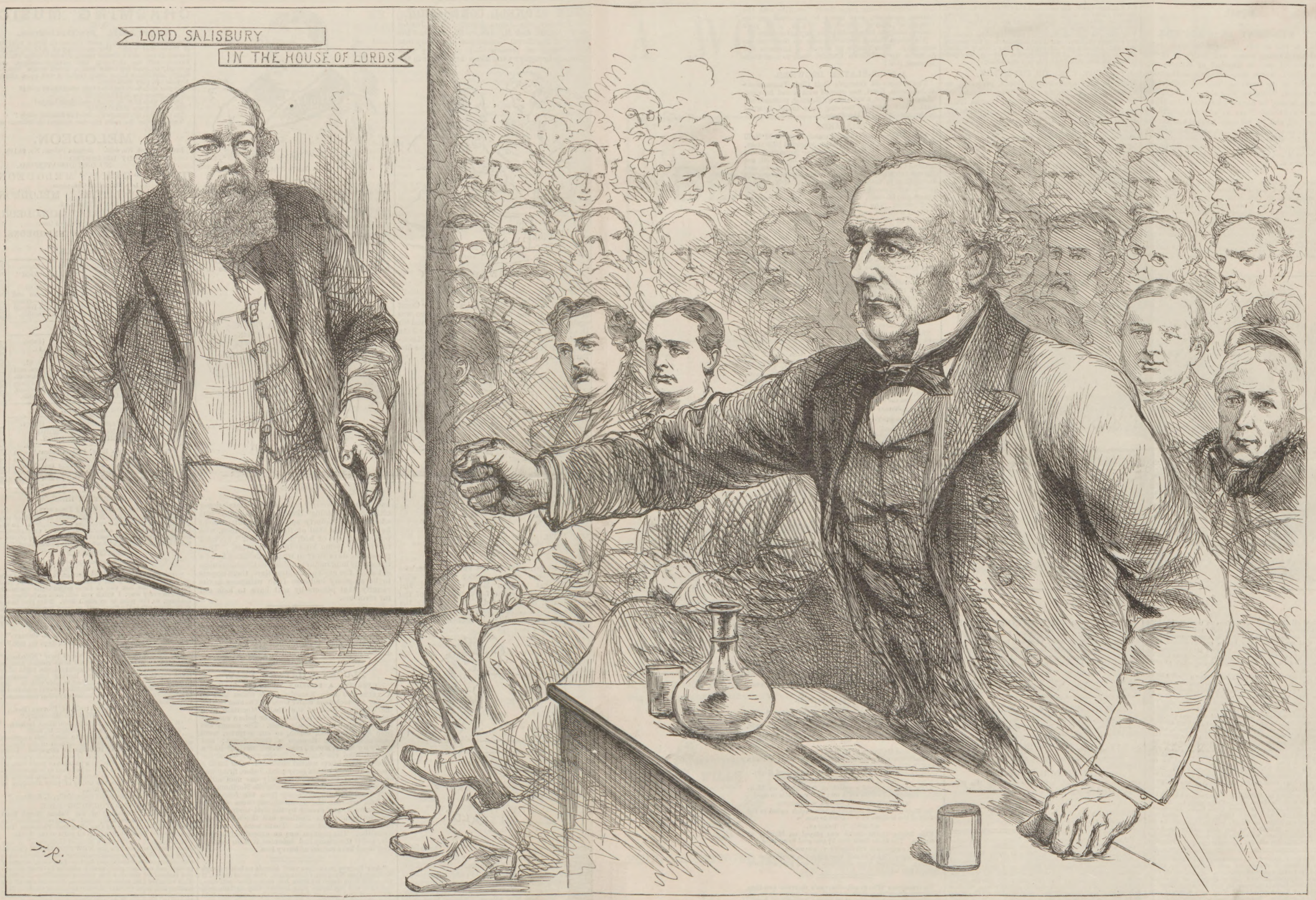


BRITAIN'S POLITICAL RIVALS: MR. GLADSTONE CHAMPIONING IRELAND AT BIRMINGHAM; AND LORD SALISBURY SPEAKING ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THE LORDS.



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Sport.

THE MID-KENT STAGHOUNDS,

sketched in one of our Illustrations, have commenced the hunting season well with one of the biggest-hearted men in England as Master—viz., Colonel John T. North, the public-spirited Honorary Commander of the smart and efficient corps of the Tower Hamlets Volunteer Engineers. Mid-Kent is fortunate, indeed, to have so generous and so true a sportsman as Colonel North to take the lead in the hunting-field, and by his open-handed and cordial hospitality to spread so much enjoyment among his friends and neighbours and county folk generally as to afford them, in these hardest of times for the multitude, hopeful and enlivening glimpses of the Merrie England of old.

THE FIRST RUN

of Colonel North's Mid-Kent Staghounds took place on the last day in October; and a fine run it was, according to the *Field's* cheery "Man-in-Green," whose report we quote as a vivacious accompaniment to our Artist's Drawing:—

The Mid-Kent Staghounds commenced the season, under the presidency of their new Master, Colonel North, of Avery Hill, Eltham, who entertained at the Lion Hotel, Farningham, a very large gathering of friends and supporters of the hunt. The way in which the gallant Colonel enters into all kinds of sport, coupled with his generous support of all the social institutions in the county, have gained him a wide circle of friends, and "the men of Kent" gave him a reception which must have been as gratifying as it was well deserved. Long before the breakfast hour every kind of vehicle had been pressed into service, and bore its freight to the scene of action; hospitality reigned supreme, and all were made welcome, irrespective of class or standing.

With true military punctuality, at twelve o'clock a move was made for Eglantine Hill, an elevated spot commanding extensive views of the lovely scenery around, and affording every facility to the sightseers, who had assembled in crowds. There, in the presence of 500 horsemen, a fine stag was enlarged, and, making a wide circle, set his head straight for Wrotham, and went bounding his way over the hills, and was soon lost to sight. Due law having been allowed, that smart huntsman States brought up the pack, and in an instant they were on the line and away at a pace that left but little chance of their being overridden. It was then that the old hands were seen forging to the front, with smart gunners from Woolwich, ever ready to cut out the work when a dash is required, closely followed by the Master, Sir Alfred Kirby, Messrs. Carlton Bligh, Hope Johnstone, Smithers (*père et fils*), Hunt, and the rest of his friends, who kept their places well ahead of the charge of cavalry behind them.

The deer, making for Gabriel Springs, broke away on the far side for Brand's Hatch at a rattling pace, the hounds carrying a good head over Speed Gate Farm, the newly ploughed land of which told a fearful tale on horses and riders, whose condition, no doubt, will be improved as the season advances, though some few were seen to hang out signals of distress, and wished in their hearts for the proverbial "ten minutes allowed for refreshment." Pointing for Falkham Court, the deer sank the hill on the far side of Horton Coverts; then, veering to the right and skirting Falkham village, made straight away for Ash Church into the country beyond, and was eventually taken at West Yoke Farm in that parish, after a most enjoyable gallop in the loveliest weather. All the arrangements of the meeting were ably planned and carried out by the Deputy Master, Mr. G. P. Russell, of St. Margaret's, Darenth, who performed his task with admirable tact and ability.

THE EARL OF COVENTRY,

Master of her Majesty's Buckhounds, presented, on Saturday last, at Croome Court, Worcestershire, on behalf of the members and friends of Croome Hunt, a magnificent gold cup on an ebony pedestal to Mr. E. Walter Greene, as a memento of the high esteem in which he was held. For five seasons Mr. Greene was Master of the Croome Foxhounds, and his resignation last May was greatly regretted. Mr. St. Leger Walker succeeds him as Master.

THE QUORN OPENING MEET.

Worse weather than that which prevailed on Monday could hardly have been forthcoming, but even the miserable, drizzling rain which fell was not sufficient to prevent a large contingent of sportsmen journeying to Kirby Gate to be present at the opening gathering of the season. Gartree Hill soon furnished a fox, and a run of a couple of miles followed, which terminated in Reynard beating his pursuers. Another dashing spin from the same covert followed, and a satisfactory opening day was enjoyed.

CATCHING DEER IN WINDSOR PARK.

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Hie we now to her Majesty's beautiful park at Windsor. Here we have Sketches by another Artist of catching deer in Windsor Park for the Queen's Buckhounds, which have this autumn commenced hunting under the new Royal huntsman, Mr. John Harvey. The Great Western Railway on Tuesday ran a special train down to Slough for the opening meet at Salt Hill. The Earl of Coventry and the Comte de Paris were present.

HUNTING WITH LORD FITZHARDINGE,

last Monday, Mr. H. L. Hardwicke, J.P., of Tytherington Grange, Gloucestershire, fell with his horse, and the rider broke his leg.

PLUMPTON COURSING MEETING

has this week afforded good sport to the lovers of the leash.

THE VICTORIAN DERBY,

run for on Saturday last, was won by the Hon. James White's br g Ensign.

LIVERPOOL

opened the week for lovers of the turf, the chief prize being the Liverpool Cup; Bismarck, Ashplant, and Fullerton being respectively favourite with the leading prophets, ever ready to fall back on the Peepshow man's catchword, "You pays your money, and you takes your choice, my little dears!"

Alexandra Palace Meeting winds up the week on Saturday. Won't there be a rush of hansoms and dogcarts up and down Camden-road to and from Muswell Hill!

A GOLF-PLAYER DROWNED.

The autumn St. George's Golf Club Tournament at Sandwich, Kent, has opened with a sad fatality, Thomas Grossert, a well-known Scottish professional, having last Saturday morning been found drowned in the muddy bed of the Stour.

BILLIARDS.

The 10,000-up spot-barred match between M'Neill and Mitchell, in which the latter conceded 1000 start, was concluded at the Westminster Aquarium last Saturday. Mitchell, who was said to be unwell, not making his appearance until late in the afternoon, and the marker, who played for him during his absence, not succeeding in making any long scores, M'Neill considerably increased his lead. In the evening, M'Neill again played well, and gained an easy victory by 2512 points. The best breaks during the day by M'Neill were 157 and 106. What with the Billiard-matches by prominent players, and Blondin, and the general attractions of the Westminster Aquarium, this favourite place of recreation will doubtless be very popular in the winter months.

A 10,000-up spot-barred match between W. Cook and T. Taylor, in which the latter received 1000 start, was commenced at the Westminster Aquarium on Monday. Both in the afternoon and evening Cook played well, and, scoring much the faster, had at the close of the day almost caught the receiver of points. The totals on Tuesday night were—Cook, 3333; Taylor, 3149.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY FOURS.

EXTRAORDINARY RECORD BY TRINITY HALL.

The final heat of the University Fours on Saturday last will live long in the memory of those who witnessed it, principally for the extraordinary performance accomplished on the part of Trinity Hall, who rowed over the course in the wonderful time of 10 min. 18½ sec., the previous best being 10 min. 47 1-5 sec., by Lady Margaret, in 1878. The contesting crews left in to fight out the battle for the thirty-eighth contest were the boat referred to and Third Trinity. Mr. J. C. Gardner, Emmanuel, acted as referee. Trinity Hall won splendidly by just over twenty yards; and the names of victors and vanquished were:—

Station 2.—Trinity Hall, 1st.	st. lb.	Station 1.—Third Trinity, 2nd.	st. lb.
R. H. Symonds-Tayler (bow)	10 11	H. W. Smyth (bow) ..	10 3
2. R. Ede, of Ramus ..	11 10	2. M. M. Macnaghten ..	11 10
3. T. H. Maughan (steerer)	11 2	3. S. P. Muttlebury (steerer)	14 10
L. Hannen (stroke) ..	11 7	R. P. Bevan (stroke) ..	11 0

FOOTBALL.

THE MAORIES V. NORTHUMBERLAND.

The eleventh match of the Colonials took place at Jesmond, Newcastle, on Saturday last, before 5000 spectators, the game ending in a draw. New Zealanders, one goal five minors; Northumberland, one goal.

The Maories played Stockton-on-Tees at Stockton on Monday. They defeated the home club by two goals to a try.

PRINCIPAL RUGBY MATCHES

decided last Saturday were:—

London Scottish v. Blackheath.—Played on the latter ground, and, after a fast game, the Scots won by three goals and a try to a try.

Bradford v. Richmond.—Played at Old Deer Park, Richmond, the Tykes winning by two tries to nil.

Cardiff v. Halifax (Yorkshire Cup Holders).—Played at Cardiff, the home team being victorious by two goals and two tries to one goal and one try.

Hull v. York.—Decided at the former place. The home team had all the best of the game, and won by one goal and a try to nil.

Leicester v. Rugby.—Played at Leicester. A grand game ensued, and a better-contested match has seldom been seen at Leicester. Eventually ended in a draw, minor points only being scored on both sides.

East v. West Lancashire.—At Whalley Grange, Manchester, before a large number of spectators. The West won by one goal and two tries to three tries.

Oxford University v. R.I.E.—Played at Cooper's Hill, Oxford winning by one goal and four tries to nil.

Manchester v. Broughton.—On the latter ground, resulting in a draw, both sides being credited with a goal each.

Liverpool v. Bolton.—Played at Aigburth, and won by Liverpool by one goal and seven tries to nil.

PRINCIPAL MATCHES PLAYED UNDER ASSOCIATION RULES

last Saturday:—

Derbyshire beat Cheshire, at Derby (2—1).

Somerset beat Dorset, at Taunton (4—2).

Cambridge University beat Swifts, at Cambridge (8—3).

Berks and Bucks beat Wilts, at Swindon (3—1).

Staffordshire beat Cheshire, at Port Vale Grounds, Burslem (6—3).

Crewe Alexandra beat Chester St. Oswalds, at Crewe (7—4).

Bootle beat Halliwell, at Halliwell (3—1).

Lanarkshire v. Northumberland, at Newcastle; a drawn game (2—2).

Oxford University beat Old Foresters, at Oxford (1—0).

PRESTON NORTH END V. ROTHERHAM.

These elevens played a match at Rotherham on Monday. The great Preston team won by three goals to one.

WEST BROMWICH V. BOLTON WANDERERS.

On Monday at West Bromwich this match ended in the defeat of the Boltons by five goals to one.

SWANSEA V. HALIFAX.

This Rugby Union match was played on Monday at Swansea. The home team won by one goal to nothing.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY V. BRADFORD.

This Rugby Union match was played at Cambridge on Monday. Bradford were victorious by one goal and three tries to two tries.

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THE SHOWMAN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

Hurrah for Lord Mayor's Day and Lord Mayor Whitehead! And a cheer for Sir Polydore De Keyser at parting. Of course, ye know why he was bound to be raised to the chivalric order of knighthood? Because he was the son of De Keyser! So farewell to the past year's Civic King! Gib him De Key, sir—the key of the street! I'm sure he must need a little relaxation now.

Long live the new civic King! He might have been from Applecross or Applegarth, from Appleton or Appledore; but in spite of all temptations to belong to other apple-ations, Master James Whitehead elected to be born in Appleby (Westmoreland). Hence his fondness to have everything in Apple-by order. What do I hear? Did I understand my incorrigible young friend Smithers to mutter—De-*cider*-ly! Good old Stock Exchange pippin!

Wonder what led Master James Whitehead to follow in the footsteps of Dick Whittington, and tread the thorny path that leads to London? What form did the Bow Bells "Turn again, Whittington; thrice Lord Mayor of London town" take in the case of this successful London merchant? I believe he didn't vainly tarry to see if London was paved with gold. James Whitehead struck out for himself—in the "Bradford line." Hence his knowledge of a good dress when he sees one. Fortune favoured Whitehead ere his hair was grey. I'm right glad to believe he

makes good use of his wealth. Who knows? His judicious benevolence *may* open the hearts and pockets of the closest City misers. Aye; depend upon it! Lord Mayor Whitehead's noble feasts to the thousands of the City of London and Appleby Unions, besides infusing joy and gladness into the hearts of hosts of poor people, will spread charitable ripples in other directions, and will lead to the cheering of the despondent and suffering in many other quarters. That's an essential quality of every good action, friends, believe me! Never was there greater need of whole-hearted philanthropy than in the closing months of this year of grace, 1888!

Another view of Lord Mayor Whitehead's many-sided character! He's a "globe-trotter." He has been "Round the world and back again," as the song goes. Wider and wider has travelling in many climes opened his eyes. He has stored his keenly intelligent mind fuller and fuller of knowledge. A remarkably impressive speaker, and an earnest reformer after my own heart, Lord Mayor Whitehead is just the man for Parliament, and I trust he may be elected to help along those reforms which the mob of gentlemen who legislate at ease treat so lackadaisically in the Commons.

Volunteers, I call on ye for a special shout in Lord Mayor Whitehead's honour. Let the church bells ring out a "treble bob major" as a spirited tribute to his patriotism in rallying to the support of our London Volunteers—a magnificent trained band any City might be proud of. He has said a Hundred Thousand Pounds ought to be forthcoming to complete the equipment of London's Volunteers; and, rely on it, he'll raise that handsome sum, with the aid of the £300 subscribed by himself and Sheriffs, and with the contributions the rich bankers ought also to make. Brayvo, Whitehead!

The Ninth of November has another claim on our remembrance. 'Tis Prince Bonhomme's birthday. Albert Edward is forty-seven to-day, and "looks but seventeen," as Mrs. Weldon has it—and all along of—Pears' Soap. Well, I must say he never seems to grow old in spirit. His good-nature still retains for him the pride of place as the most popular of Englishmen. In time-honoured phrase, all in this Show, I'm certain, join me in cordially wishing the Prince—and his sweet and bonnie Princess—"Many Happy Returns of the Day!" H.R.H. ought to take part in the Lord Mayor's Guildhall revels, and hear how London's loyal citizens would make the welkin ring, and Gog and Magog wink, with the Birthday toast of his good health! "For he's a jolly good fellow, and so say all of us! With a Hip, Hip, Hip Hurrah!" And one more hearty Hurrah for Princess Sweeteyes and Family! CODLIN.

WINTER EXHIBITION AT OLYMPIA.

A FAIR of All Nations, with promenade concerts, children's pantomime, Christmas-trees, and other delights, is to be held at Olympia from Dec. 1 to Feb. 23 next. The committee propose to devote all the Christmas-tree takings to the various London hospitals. The scheme ought to succeed in the Christmas holidays, and the hospitals profit accordingly.

STAGE AND ORCHESTRA.

MR. TOOLE IN EDINBURGH.

A BANQUET was given to Mr. Toole last Sunday night by the Edinburgh Pen and Pencil Club, to which Messrs. John Donald, John Billington, Lowne, Westland, Wilson, and Shelton were also invited.

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

will be grandly performed on the 29th inst. at Westminster Abbey for the benefit of the Royal Society of Musicians, which on this occasion will celebrate its 150th anniversary.

THE MONDAY POP. CONCERTS

begin in St. James's Hall, on Nov. 12. Executants—Madame Néruda (Lady Hallé), Miss Fanny Davies; MM. L. Ries, Straus, and Piatti. Vocalist—Miss Liza Lehmann. Accompanist—Mr. Ernest Ford.

THE SATURDAY "POPS"

commence at St. James's Hall, next Saturday afternoon, Nov. 17.

MR. SIMS REEVES AND MR. MAYBRICK,

Mrs. Mary Davies and Antoinette Sterling are to sing at the opening London Ballad Concert in St. James's Hall, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 21.

MADAME ADELINA PATTI

sings at the Albert Hall on the nights of Nov. 20 and Dec. 11.

MADAME MARIE ROZE

has arrived at the Hôtel de l'Amirauté, Paris, on her tour of France, Holland, and Belgium, under the joint direction of Signor Giacomelli and Colonel Henry Mapleson.

MR. HALL CAINE,

joint author with Mr. Wilson Barrett of the play of "Ben-my-Chree," was misreported in the summary we read of his speech at the Liverpool Art Club. Reading the full report of his eloquent address, we see that he did not at all disparage modern dramatists, but simply expressed regret that custom did not allow them to deal with the grand passions as the old playwrights used to do. We regret we should have been misled into misrepresenting this admirable writer.

"LE GENTILHOMME PAUVRE"

and "La Corde Sensible" were given by the French comedians at the Royalty on Monday evening. M. Lafontaine appeared in the former piece, and Mdlle. Jane May in the latter.

AT THE SHAFTESBURY

the last nights of "As You Like It" are announced. A new play is under consideration for early production. Meanwhile "The Lady of Lyons" will probably be revived on the 17th inst.

THE NEXT NOVELTY AT THE ST. JAMES'S

will be a play by Mr. W. S. Gilbert, in which Miss Julia Neilson will appear as the heroine.

THE GRAND THEATRE, ISLINGTON,

which was burnt down last Yuletide, is now rebuilt, and will be reopened by Mr. Wilmot on the 26th inst. The play will be "The Still Alarm," transferred with many members of its cast from the Princess's. This will doubtless run until the time comes for Mr. Geoffrey Thorne's pantomime, "Cinderella."

MISS FLORENCE TOOLE, the only remaining child of Mr. J. L. Toole, died last Monday afternoon in a hotel in Edinburgh, from typhoid fever, we regret to hear.

THE QUEEN has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the Venerable Archdeacon Sumner, D.D., to be Suffragan Bishop of Guildford, in the Diocese of Winchester.

THE RIGHT HON. THE SPEAKER arrived at his residence in the New Palace, Westminster, on Monday afternoon, from Sandy, Beds, accompanied by Mrs. Peel and family.

EXAMPLE FOR THE RICH OF LONDON.—Sir John Hardy Thursby, late High Sheriff of Lancashire, has offered to the people of Burnley, through the Mayor, a plot of land, said to be worth £20,000, for the purposes of a public park.

AT MESSRS. Tattersall's sale last Monday at Albert-gate several well-known steeplechase horses in training, the property of Mr. E. Benzon, were put up to auction. Gamecock, the winner of last year's Grand National, was sold to Mr. A. Yates for 620 guineas, while Kilworth was bought for Lord Dudley for 630 guineas.

BAT MURPHY'S SCULLING HANDICAP was on Monday secured by J. Caton, a well-known below-bridge sculler, who was in receipt of 11 sec. start. In the final he beat W. Goldsmith, who was on the same mark, in very easy fashion indeed. The surprise of the event was the good form shown by a youngster named Steadman, who divided second and third money with W. Sawyer.

MR. THOMAS SEWELL, one of the oldest professional cricketers living in England, died at his residence at Riverhead, Kent, on Nov. 1. Mr. Sewell was born at Mitcham, in Surrey, in the year 1806, so that at the time of his death he was eighty-two years of age. The deceased's eldest son, who has been dead for several years, was also a well-known cricketer, and one of the All-England Eleven, and went out to Australia with that team.

JOHNNY ROBINSON (SOUTH SHIELDS) *v.* DICK BURGE (NEWCASTLE) FOR £200.—One of the most important glove-contests ever decided in the North took place last Monday night at the St. George's Drill Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where Dick Burge and Johnny Robinson met to box the best of twelve rounds, under Queensberry rules. Quite 3000 spectators had taken their seats in the hall. Robinson had the best of it after a dozen rounds; but the fight was pronounced a draw.

ARTS AND CRAFTS LECTURES.

THE first lecture in connection with the Arts and Crafts Exhibition was given at the New Gallery on Thursday week by Mr. William Morris, the subject being "Tapestry and Carpet Weaving." Mr. George Simonds lectured on "Modelling and Sculpture." The remaining lectures of the course will be "Letterpress Printing," by Mr. Emery Walker, on Nov. 15; "Bookbinding," by Mr. T. J. Cobden Sanderson, Nov. 22; and "Design," followed by a presidential address, by Mr. Walter Crane, Nov. 29. Tickets for the course of lectures cost 10s. Tickets for workers in any art or craft will be issued at 1s. each, or twenty-five for 20s.

LORD DANGAN'S DEFENCE.

THE *Star* says the defence which has just been delivered by Messrs. Lewis and Lewis on behalf of Lord Dangan in the breach-of-promise action which Miss Phyllis Broughton is bringing against him is that Lord Dangan did not promise to marry her, and, in the alternative, if he did, the engagement was never broken off by him. Phyllis has a letter from her Strephon, which, she contends, had the effect of breaking off the engagement; and in a letter, which her solicitors will call upon Lord Dangan to produce, Miss Broughton sorrowfully upbraids the inconstancy of the defendant. It is understood that there are also two other important letters in the case. Miss Phyllis Broughton is engaged for the "Paul Jones" opera at the Prince of Wales's.

"MAN THE LIFE-BOAT!"

THE Caistor (Yarmouth) life-boat was launched in a heavy sea last Sunday morning to aid a stranded French barque. The vessel was wrecked, but the crew of eighteen men were saved.

COLLIERY EXPLOSION IN FRANCE.

ONE of the greatest colliery explosions ever known in France took place on Friday night, Nov. 2, in the colliery of Cransac in the Aveyron. The incident took place at a depth of 500ft. in the St. Barbaras pit. Soon after a rescue party was sent down it brought up twenty-three bodies and three wounded men. Half an hour later nine more bodies, reduced almost to pulp, were raised from below, and later in the night, or rather morning, forty-one more. Only three of these could be identified. A gallery of 340 yards in length fell in during the explosion.

INCREASE OF THE GERMAN NAVY.

THE building of large ironclads for the German navy, which was stopped after the loss of the Grosser Kurfürst, near Folkestone, in 1878, is to be resumed and continued in conformity with the naval programme of the Government, which proposes the construction of eight first-class ironclads. A Bill on the subject will be submitted to the Reichstag.

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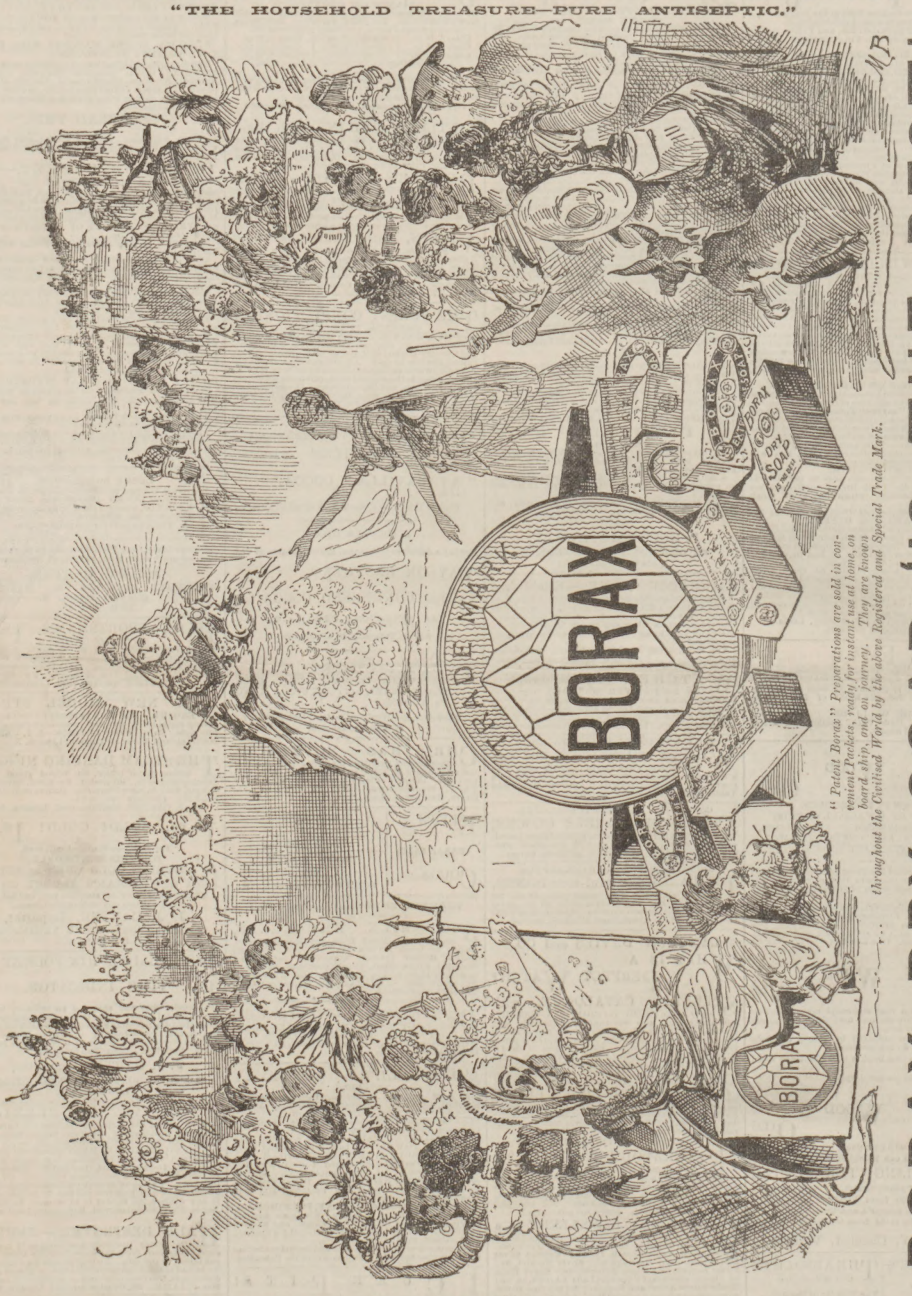

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